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ABSTRACT

This pamphlet contains information about Alaska's schools and their students, teachers, and administration. In 1987-88, Alaska had 480 public and private schools in 32 city and borough school districts and 23 regional educational attendance areas; average daily attendance for public schools was 101,144. The pamphlet covers the following student information: (1) public school average daily membership annually since 1972-73; (2) number of high school graduates annually since 1975; (3) number of GED diplomas granted each year since 1976; (4) Scholastic Achievement Test and American College Test scores for Alaska and U.S. students; (5) numbers of exceptional, gifted/talented, migrant, and bilingual/bicultural students identified; and (6) high school senior ratings of their high school experience. Teacher information includes numbers of classroom teachers and other certified staff since 1972-73, average public school teachers' salaries, and pupil/teacher ratios. School and administration information includes; (1) audited public school revenues and expenditures; (2) pupil transportation costs; (3) student/computer ratios; (4) school food programs; and (5) area of school districts in square miles. The pamphlet also lists State Board of Education members, Alaska Commissioners of Education since 1917, Department of Education phone numbers, and public school district addresses, phone numbers, enrollments, and superintendents. (SV)

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ALASKA BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education consists of seven voting members and two advisory members. The voting members each are appointed to five-year terms. The Board, among other duties, is responsible for setting policy and goals for the Department of Education, approves regulations, appoints advisory panels and top level Department of Education officials, and commissions task forces.

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GLOSSARY

ADM (Average Daily Membership) - the average number of students enrolled in a school over a given period of time.

Certificated Staff - includes all teachers, superintendents, principals, counselors, school psychologists, curriculum specialists, librarians and others.

Does not include classified staff, such as teacher aides, and food service, maintenance, clerical and other employees.

City and Borough School Districts - the 32 school districts in Alaska that are located in organized cities and boroughs.

GED - general education diploma

REAAs (Regional Educational Attendance Areas) - the 23 regional school districts located in the unorganized borough.

NUMBER OF ALASKA SCHOOLS 1987-88

386 Public Schools

94 Private & Denominational Schools

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

City and Borough School Districts	32
Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAAs)	23

CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE STUDY

1987-88 Enrollment: 973

ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOL AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP

Year	Average Daily Membership	Percentage of Increase (Decrease)
1987-88	101,144	(.9)
1986-87	103,157	.3
1985-86	103,124	2.9
1984-85	100,239	4.0
1983-84	96,381	3.8
1982-83	92,874	3.4
1981-82	89,848	3.7
1980-81	86,490	(1.4)
1979-80	87,722	(.5)
1978-79	88,173	(.7)
1977-78	88,784	(.7)
1976-77	89,414	2.0
1975-76	88,126	3.0
1974-75	85,667	3.0
1973-74	83,414	(.2)
1972-73	83,616	0.2

Includes City and Borough, REAAs and military schools.

NUMBER OF STAFF IN ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	Certificated classroom teachers		Other certified staff	
YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
1987-88	2,301	4,078	618	634
1986-87	2,428	4,195	689	629
1985-86	2,449	4,197	N/A	N/A
1984-85	2,335	3,762	702	698
1983-84	2,382	3,950	551	365
1982-83	2,484	3,902	635	551
1981-82	2,226	3,564	568	541
1980-81	2,010	3,211	541	362
1979-80	1,961	3,218	552	378
1978-79	1,918	3,140	556	374
1977-78	1,885	3,030	502	353
1976-77	*4,295		*715	
1975-76	1,855	2,871	*589	
1974-75	*4,295		*714	
1973-74	1,661	2,461	380	246
1972-73	1,598	2,413	401	298

**Male/Female breakdown not available.*

Total Certificated Staff

YEAR	
1987-88	7,631
1986-87	7,941
1985-86	N/A
1984-85	7,496
1983-84	7,248
1982-83	7,572
1981-82	6,899
1980-81	6,124
1979-80	6,109
1978-79	5,988
1977-78	5,770
1976-77	5,367
1975-76	5,315
1974-75	5,031
1973-74	4,748
1972-73	4,710

AVERAGE TEACHER SALARIES IN ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Year	Average Salary	Percentage of Increase
1987-88	39,070	-5
1986-87	41,184	4
1985-86	39,447	2
1984-85	38,923	10
1983-84	35,478	3
1982-83	34,510	7
1981-82	32,000	5
1980-81	30,261	10
1979-80	27,755	9
1978-79	25,456	8
1977-78	23,484	8
1976-77	21,783	8
1975-76	20,117	18

ALASKA PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO

Year	City & Borough Districts	REAAs	Overall Average
1986-87*	16.53	11.90	15.67
1985-86	15.70	11.18	14.94
1984-85	16.97	10.86	15.77
1983-84	15.6	10.2	14.55
1982-83	15.4	9.7	14.25
1981-82	NA	NA	NA
1980-81	15.3	9.1	14.02
1979-80	15.6	9.4	14.4
1978-79	16.0	10.7	15.1
1977-78	16.4	11.2	15.5
1976-77	17.2	13.4	16.7
1975-76	17.1	13.0	16.6

Ratios given in number of students per teacher. Includes classroom teachers, counselors, itinerant teachers, librarians. Does not include district office staff, clerical aides, maintenance personnel or other support staff.

**1986-87 Includes classroom teachers, remedial specialists, head teachers and visiting teachers.*

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

1987	5,692
1986	4,564
1985	5,184
1984	5,547
1983	5,558
1982	5,447
1981	5,358
1980	5,223
1979	5,068
1975-79 Average	4,777

NUMBER OF GED DIPLOMAS GRANTED

1987	1,757
1986	1,950
1985	2,226
1984	2,200
1983	2,271
1982	2,550
1981	2,350
1980	2,273
1979	2,931
1978	2,483
1977	2,398
1976	2,072

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT SCORES (SAT) - ALASKA STUDENTS

STATEWIDE AVERAGE SCORES

Year	Math	Verbal	% who took SAT
1987	479	445	45
1986	479	445	41
1985	477	446	40.6
1984	471	443	34.3
1983	468	437	32.6
1982	477	446	30.9
1981	486	449	29.4
1980	482	450	29.6
1979	478	452	N/A
1978	485	458	N/A
1977	487	459	N/A
1976	485	454	N/A
1975	481	461	N/A

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT SCORES (SAT) - U.S. STUDENTS

NATIONAL AVERAGE SCORES

Year	Math	Verbal
1987	476	430
1986	475	431
1985	475	431
1984	471	426
1983	468	425
1982	467	426
1981	466	424
1980	466	424
1979	467	427
1978	468	429
1977	470	429
1976	472	431
1975	472	434

About 45 percent of U.S. high school seniors took the SAT test in 1987.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT) SCORES

Alaska Composite Scores		% who took ACT
1987	18.7	36.8
1986	18.1	39.8
1985	17.6	38.9
1984	18.2	37.9
1983	18.0	39.0
1982	18.7	32.6
1981	18.8	34.6
National Composite Scores		
1987	18.7	
1986	18.8	
1985	18.6	
1984	18.5	
1983	18.3	
1982	18.4	
1981	18.5	

About 31 percent of the U.S. high school seniors took the ACT in 1987.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SURVEY

States in which Alaska high school graduates chose to attend postsecondary institutions:

	1987	1986	1985	1984
Alaska	31.2	31.3	35.0	40.2
Washington	10.3	11.5	11.7	12.6
Oregon	8.4	7.7	7.1	8.1
California	13.5	13.6	13.3	9.2
Colorado	5.3	3.5	3.9	4.4
Hawaii	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.0
Arizona	5.2	5.6	—	—

Average scores of high school seniors who answered the question, "How do you rate satisfaction with your high school experience overall?"
(Based on a rating of: 1-outstanding; 2-average; 3-poor.)

1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
2.10	1.80	1.79	1.75	1.83	1.78

The High School Senior Survey is conducted each year by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.

NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

1987-88	12,796
1986-87	12,276
1985-86	12,271
1984-85	11,360
1983-84	11,111
1982-83	11,175
1981-82	11,576

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED GIFTED/TALENTED

1986-87	3,854
1985-86	3,875
1984-85	3,058
1983-84	3,608
1982-83	3,034
1981-82	3,866

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED MIGRANT STUDENTS

1987-88	10,778
1986-87	9,120
1985-86	6,910
1984-85	3,597
1983-84	3,000
1982-83	1,895
1981-82	870

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED BILINGUAL/ BICULTURAL STUDENTS

1986-87	11,347
1985-86	10,471
1984-85	9,232
1983-84	8,677

AUDITED PUBLIC SCHOOL REVENUES

Year	Local Revenues	Percent of Total
1987	$177,928,004	26.3
1986	159,412,282	21.9
1985	145,813,397	21.2
1984	120,693,706	19.3
1983	106,352,359	18.9
1982	85,442,871	17.7
1981	77,819,822	18.6
1980	63,363,472	20.2
1979	62,589,810	20.5
1978	52,383,185	19.4
1977	51,797,999	21.3

Year	State Revenues	Percent of Total
1987	$448,235,395	66.1
1986	523,792,705	71.7
1985	516,585,298	75.1
1984	482,944,138	77.0
1983	447,308,959	79.2
1982	383,489,628	79.4
1981	322,183,065	77.2
1980	257,830,549	76.2
1979	236,144,273	77.2
1978	193,144,314	71.4
1977	184,462,422	75.7

Year	Federal Revenues	Percent of Total
1987	$51,632,150	7.6
1986	46,701,897	6.4
1985	25,800,432	3.7
1984	23,270,244	3.7
1983	10,900,013	1.9
1982	13,775,825	2.9
1981	17,473,226	4.2
1980	12,027,554	3.6
1979	7,145,719	2.3
1978	24,956,042	9.2
1977	7,301,744	3.0

AUDITED PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

CITY & BOROUGH EXPENDITURES

Year	District Expenditures	Cost per Pupil in ADM
1987	$534,180,728	$6,076
1986	557,998,108	6,341
1985	539,300,187	6,274
1984	401,932,872	5,438
1983	409,713,896	5,269
1982	354,804,998	4,874
1981	302,315,164	4,277
1980	256,691,097	3,771
1979	234,272,887	3,339
1978	211,478,523	2,709
1977	193,688,494	2,450
1976	164,978,343	2,082

REAA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

Year	District Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil in ADM
1987	$159,462,426	$11,159
1986	172,217,671	12,160
1985	162,504,284	12,178
1984	144,660,893	11,186
1983	145,449,554	11,021
1982	123,858,705	10,652
1981	103,542,906	9,261
1980	84,004,250	7,612
1979	77,239,542	6,542
1978	57,826,137	5,389
1977	46,767,490	4,520
1976	35,065,022	3,946

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PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

TOTAL SPENT STATEWIDE

	State Reimbursement
FY88	$23,713,035
FY87	21,343,817
FY86	23,131,177
FY85	24,688,766
FY84	21,543,531
FY83	20,300,000
FY82	19,051,644
FY81	16,824,679
FY80	16,875,760
FY79	15,834,051
FY78	14,228,539

NUMBER OF STUDENTS TRANSPORTED

	Per Day
FY87	46,420
FY86	45,488
FY85	44,890
FY84	41,622
FY83	40,343
FY82	37,517
FY81	37,995
FY80	34,925
FY79	35,910
FY78	34,467

STATE COST PER PUPIL TRANSPORTED

	Per Day	Per Year
FY87	$2.55	$459.80
FY86	2.83	508.51
FY85	3.12	549.98
FY84	2.94	517.60
FY83	2.86	503.19
FY82	2.94	517.09
FY81	2.48	442.81
FY80	2.71	483.20
FY79	2.48	440.93
FY78	2.32	412.82

MICROCOMPUTERS IN ALASKA SCHOOLS

Alaska schools have an estimated total of 7,000 microcomputers. Each Alaska school uses at least one microcomputer.

STUDENT/COMPUTER RATIO

Year	Students per computer
1986-87	15 students
1985-86	14 students
1984-85	17 students
1983-84	21 students
1982-83	55 students
1981-82	150 students
1980-81	1,730 students
1979-80	5,848 students

SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Year	Number of Meals Served	% of Free & Reduced Price
1986-87	6,112,309	50.1
1985-86	6,323,981	46.0
1984-85	6,250,046	43.0
1983-84	6,044,611	40.3

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Year	Number of Meals Served	% of Free & Reduced Priced Meals for Needy Children
1986-87	639,390	86.9
1985-86	630,945	87.0
1984-85	569,108	87.6
1983-84	516,137	87.4

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

Year	Number of Milks Served	% of Free Milks for Needy Children
1986-87	193,654	9.1
1985-86	191,531	10.6
1984-85	242,850	11.3
1983-84	204,304	19.2

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT

1986-87	$7,934,403
1985-86	7,359,647
1984-85	6,629,096
1983-84	5,802,194

TOTAL VALUE OF U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE DONATED COMMODITIES GIVEN TO SCHOOLS

1986-87	$1,150,315
1985-86	1,122,902
1984-85	1,438,013
1983-84	1,591,697

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AREA OF ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SQUARE MILES

SCHOOL DISTRICT	Square Miles
Adak Region	1,348
Alaska Gateway	20,649
Aleutian Region	14,364
Anchorage	1,884
Annette Island	8,978
Bering Strait	24,240
Bristol Bay	1,200
Chatham	43,992
Chugach	20,200
Copper River	20,649
Cordova	6
Craig	10
Delta/Greely	7,182
Dillingham	22
Fairbanks	7,500
Galena	24
Haines	2,620
Hoonah	2
Hydaburg	1
Iditarod	44,441
Juneau	3,100
Kake	1
Kashunamiut	1
Kenai	25,600
Ketchikan	1,250
King Cove	12
Klawock	1
Kodiak Island	5,440
Kuspuk	12,120
Lake and Peninsula	32,021
Lower Kuskokwim	23,792
Lower Yukon	19,302
Matanuska-Susitna	20,544
Nenana	9
Nome	18
North Slope	88,281
Northwest Arctic	36,495
Pelican	1

AREA OF ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SQUARE MILES

SCHOOL DISTRICT	Square Miles
Petersburg	2
Pribilof	7,182
Railbelt	8,978
St. Marys	52
Sand Point	1
Sitka	4,480
Skagway	11
Southeast Island	18,856
Southwest Region	21,996
Tanana	15
Unalaska	23
Valdez	274
Wrangell	44
Yakutat	8
Yukon Flats	59,865
Yukon/Koyukuk	64,626
Yupiit	19

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